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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director for Support
SUBJECT: Project USEFUL
REFERENCE: Memo to DD/S&T, dated 18 August 1965,
subject as above

1. The question raised by the Assistant Deputy Director for Plans concerning the advisability of conducting Project USEFUL for the period 18 to 29 October 1965 is both pertinent and understandable. Critical problems on the international scene, in addition to significant management problems of a budgetary nature within the Agency, are making perceptible increased demands on the time and energies of senior officers.

2. Were it not for the fact your memorandum states the Defense Intelligence Agency is in the process of establishing a reciprocal undertaking, called Project HELPFUL, I would without qualification support the question raised by the Assistant Deputy Director for Plans. It may be, however, detrimental to the maintenance of appropriate relationships to cancel completely any presentation of Project USEFUL. Accordingly, it might be in order to suggest to appropriate officers of the Defense Establishment that, because of both international and domestic concerns which are mutually time consuming to us, we would like to withdraw from the two-week presentation in October and present merely the abbreviated two-day version of Project USEFUL.

Signed: John F., Blake

DIA review(s) completed.

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